

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: <b>Nguyen, et al.</b>	§	Case: <b>AMAT/8349/MASK/ETEC/ARNOLD</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/672,420</b>	§	Filed: <b>September 26, 2003</b>
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Examiner: <b>Kackar, Ram N.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>1763</b>
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Confirmation No.: <b>8442</b>	§	
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Title: <b>INTERFEROMETER ENDPOINT MONITORING DEVICE</b>	§	
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2007, and Advisory Action dated March 20, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 4, 2007, please enter this response with accompanying the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that a RCE fee of \$790.00 and one-month extension are due in connection with this response. This fee has been paid with the submission of this paper using the Patent Electronic Business Center. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.